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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS: As required by guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

Project:

Town of Yampa

Location:

Routt County

Project No.: 960238D

Total Cost: \$3,300,000

Project Description

The proposed project consists of water treatment improvements that include filtration and chlorination upgrades, supplemental intake rehabilitation, an additional finished water storage tank, source protection of infiltration gallery, and replacement of transmission lines. The project will be funded by a Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan which includes \$522,321 at an interest rate of 1%, and Principal Forgiveness of \$847,920. The loan requires an increase in user rates of \$1.63 per month; however, monthly user rates were raised in January 2014 from \$28.60 to \$32.00 per month. Therefore, no further rate increases are anticipated as a result of this project.

The review process did not indicate that significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been made. The action is taken on the basis of a careful review of the engineering report, environmental assessment, and other supporting data that are on file in the Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and are available for public review upon request.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for consideration to:

Tawnya Reitz, Project Manager Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment WOCD-GLU-B2 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, CO 80246-1530



After evaluation of the comments received, the Division will make a final decision; however, no administrative decision will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after publication of the Finding of No Significant Impact.

Dated this <

day of May, 2015.

Patrick J. Pfaltzgraff

Director, Water Quality Control Division